

Atty. Docket No. SP0200512-0060US
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Remarks

Applicant and Applicant's undersigned representative thanks Examiner Vinh for the thorough examination of the present application and the detailed explanations in the Final Office Action dated February 14, 2006. Applicant and Applicant's undersigned representative further wish to thank Examiner Vinh for graciously identifying allowable subject matter, specifically, that claim 4 would be allowed if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The present Amendment is filed to address all issues raised in the Office Action. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 4 and to correct requirements of form. Claim 4 has been cancelled. Claim 5 has also been amended to correct requirements of form. Thus, neither new matter nor new issues are introduced in the present amendment, and claim 1 and claims 2 - 3 and 5 - 18 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

The Rejection of the Claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

The rejection of claims 1 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite has been obviated by appropriate amendment. Claim 1 has been amended to provided antecedent basis for "the exposed lower insulating layer". The rejection of claim 14 has been obviated by the amendment of claim 1. Therefore, this ground of rejection is unsustainable, and should be withdrawn.

The Rejection of the Claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

The rejection of claims 1 - 3, 10 - 11, and 14 - 17 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Chien et al. (US 5643824) has been obviated by appropriate amendment.

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The Rejection of the Claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The rejection of claims 5 - 9, 12 - 13, and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Chien et al. (US 5643824) in view of Chapman (US 5976769) has also been obviated by appropriate amendment.

Conclusions

In view of the above amendments and remarks, all bases for objection and rejection are overcome, and the application is in condition for allowance. Early notice to that effect is earnestly requested.

If it is deemed helpful or beneficial to the efficient prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,



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